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1. A stone quarry is located about 500 meters upstream from Czechoslovakia's Devil's Ruins (Devin Ruinen) (N 48 10 E 34 39) on the left side of the Marchegg River. Material for improving the river channel is taken away from here in trucks. This is the only section of the Austro-Czech border in which barbed wire entanglements are not erected. A telephone connection exists between the tower on the top of the Devil's Rock (Arpad Felsen) and the barracks at the foot of it. There is an accumulation of talus left from the time when two tunnels were dug into the rock. The area is patrolled occasionally by Czech scout troops, probably the Young Pioneers as they wear red and blue shirts. The March River is 25-30 meters wide in this section.
2. As of 27 June 1953 the Czechs are removing the barbed wire entanglement located opposite Angern (N 48 23 E 16 50), Lower Austria.
3. A wooden tower is located by Kote 1279 (N 48 46 E 34 21) and is used as observation post by Czech border patrols.
4. In Lezick Horn, about 150 meters from the border, on Czech territory, opposite Kote 504 (N 48 54 E 33 18) there are explosive devices attached to each section of the barbed wire entanglement for about 100 meters on either side of the Schadlitz-Tiefenbach road. There are 20 such units, about the size of a gallon can, white, and set up on the highest posts of the entanglement, about 50 cm from the ground.
5. Two renovated bunkers are located Southwest of Kote 185 (N 48 48 E 34 14) at the Czech end of the bridge over the moat which designates the border. These bunkers are occupied 24 hours a day.
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2. Comment: On the basis of the white scoria-like marks left by a presumably detonated unit, it is believed that the explosive charge contains phosphorus.

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